

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/13/2005 Appeal Brief.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a method and system for reprogramming instructions or routing parameters for a switch. Independent claims 1, 7, and 12 identify an uniquely distinct feature "comparing an identifier for the application with identifiers in the application policy file that correspond to applications authorized for installation on computers coupled to the network and blocking access to the network if the application is not authorized to access the network".

The independent claim 18 identifies an uniquely distinct feature "an application identifier field containing data identifying an application that is authorized for installation on computer coupled to a network; a network identifier field containing data identifying a entity that is accessible by the application identified by the application identifier field; and an access flag field containing data specifying whether the application identified by the application identifier field is allowed access to the entity identified by the network identifier field".

The independent claim 29 identifies an uniquely distinct feature "comparing an identifier for the application with identifiers in the application policy file that correspond to applications authorized for installation on computers coupled to the network, wherein each application entry in the application policy file comprises a set of access policy rules for a network corresponding to a network identifier, the network identifier comprising at least one of a network address range and a Universal Naming Convention path, and wherein the application policy file further comprises an access flag having a null setting that is interpreted as one of allowing and disallowing all access to a network specified by the network identifier; blocking access to the

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entity if the application is not authorized to access the entity; and re-evaluating applications currently executing against any updated application policy file, wherein a plurality of the application identifiers are associated with each application, each application identifier corresponding to a different network address assigned to the corresponding application, and wherein each application identifier is one of a file name of the application and a path on the network.”

2. The closest prior art, Kahn (U.S. 6,135,646) discloses System for uniquely and persistently identifying, managing, and tracking digital objects Numao et al. (U.S. 6,647,388) describes an access control process to evaluate under a specific condition an access permission request, whether taken alone or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above underline.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance.”

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey C. Pwu whose telephone number is 571-272-6798. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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